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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Regional and
Political Analysis
Director, Office of Imagery Analysis
Director, Office of Geographic and
Cartographic Research
Director, Office of Economic Research
Director, Office of Central Reference

SUBJECT : OSR Request for Consideration of a
Cooperative Research Effort on Soviet
Civil Defense Capabilities

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1. The attached draft request for contract proposals describes basic research that OSR needs as an input to its ongoing analysis of Soviet civil defense capabilities. The studies which we require will draw on intelligence dealing with specialized economic, geographic, demographic and political matters, as well as military subjects within the immediate purview of OSR. For this reason, [REDACTED] (OSR/SF/D) has informally contacted analysts concerned with these substantive areas to determine the availability and accessibility of information on these subjects within CIA. The initial responses he has received on the existence of files containing these data are encouraging.

2. I am submitting the attached draft to you now with the request that your analysts review it in detail from the point of view of managing CIA assets and assess the impact which provision of the data required would have on your component. In particular, I would like to know how much greater effort would be required if analysis, in addition to data collation, were accomplished in-house. If you conclude that some portion of the actual analysis could be handled more effectively within CIA, to what level would you be willing to commit resources to support us in this project?

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3. OSR had planned to move ahead on this project in the upcoming NFAC quarterly contract review, but this now appears too close at hand to be a reasonable target date. If possible, however, I would appreciate your response by 22 December, the last working day before Christmas. This would permit us to reformulate our draft in consonance with your suggestions and submit it to NFAC for review before the end of the year.



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Attachment:
As stated